

From the President

*Nos autem gloriári oportet
in Cruce Dómini nostri Jesu Christi...*
[Introit for the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.]

I continue to be impressed by the work of so many of our individual Latin Liturgy Association members—working so hard in each of their communities to foster the use of Latin in all approved forms and rites of the Roman Catholic Church. I appreciate the e-mails and other correspondence that helps to keep me informed with what you are doing. I know that there is much going on, of which I am not aware—and for all of that, I also thank you.

With the upcoming visit of His Holiness, Pope Francis, to the United States, there has been much discussion about the liturgies that will be celebrated. It remains to be seen how all of this will unfold. As for myself, I pray for the Holy Father every day. I also pray for understanding and patience for myself, as there is much that I do not understand regarding some of the most recent letters and pronouncements that have come from the Vatican.

I think it is most important that we all strive for personal holiness and a charitable heart in these days ahead. I think that the Latin liturgy helps us immensely in that task. Please continue to do everything you can to support your priests who offer the Latin Mass in your own community. If you have been hesitant about “getting involved”, I can assure you that there is no more worthy place to be, than in God’s house.

On a more practical note, LLA treasurer, Allison Smith informs me that she has been sending dues notices out to annual members, as their month for renewal arrives. Please note that if you do not renew your annual membership within thirty days of your renewal date, your membership will become inactive, until payment of your annual membership is received. Thank you for taking care of renewals in a timely fashion. Allison also noticed that a number of members are making additional donations, beyond the annual membership fee. We thank you for your generosity. We are trying to accumulate funds, so that we may consider the feasibility of planning our next national convention. I am still waiting to hear from any of our chapters, who would be willing to host such an event.

Memor et fidelis,
Regina Morris, President

News from the Chapters

From the Chicago Chapter

St John Cantius Church will host a one-day Sacred Liturgy Conference on Saturday, October 3, 2015. Entitled, “Learning How to Pray the Traditional Latin Mass”, the conference will include First Saturday devotions, three talks, lunch, and a Latin High Mass (Mass of St. Hugh, by Healey Willan), and an opportunity for confession. Online registration is available at <http://www.cantius.org>

From the Detroit Chapter

Over 150 faithful turned out on Friday, July 31, 2015, for the second Extraordinary Form Mass held at Detroit’s Blessed Sacrament Cathedral since Vatican II. Altar servers from the Oakland County Latin Mass Association and the St. Benedict Tridentine Community assisted. The celebrant was frequent OCLMA celebrant Fr. Clint McDonell, the deacon was Fr. Joe Tuskiewicz, and the subdeacon was Fr. David Bechill. Joe Balistreri and members of the Archdiocesan Chorus ably provided the music.

From the Los Angeles Chapter

Workshops for both Altar Serving and Chant and Choirs are planned for October 12, 2015, at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 7210 East Grand Ave., El Segundo, CA 90245. Details can be found at www.latinmass-la.blogspot.com You may also register or send questions to Charles Coulombe at decoulombe@gmail.com

From the Pittsburgh Chapter

The chapter will co-sponsor a “Catholic Identity Conference” at the Holiday Inn in Weirton, WV, September 25-27, 2015. The conference will begin with a Solemn High Mass to be offered by Canon Jean Moreau, Institute of Christ the King, at 6:30 p.m., Friday night, September 25, 2015, at St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church in Weirton, WV. More information can be found at www.catholicidentityconference.com

From the St. Louis-Belleville Chapter

The chapter will hold its fall chapter meeting on Sunday, October 25, 2015, at St. Barnabas Church in O’Fallon, MO, following the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Latin Mass. Pastor Raymond Hager will give a brief presentation on the

progress of the Latin Mass at St. Barnabas. Chapter members will watch a video recording of Jeremy de Satje's presentation at the 2010 Latin Liturgy Association Convention on "Music and the Church's Evangelization".

From the Association for Latin Liturgy

The ALL, our sister organization in the United Kingdom, recently held a two-day "summer school" from Monday, August 17-Tuesday August 18, 2015, at Buckfast Abbey. The meeting focused on active involvement in chant, using chants from a work in progress, entitled *Graduale Parvum*, which is being coordinated by the ALL. Chant workshops were led by Father Guy Nichols, who has spoken in the past at our LLA National Conventions. Monsignor Bruce Harbert presented sessions on the "Hidden Treasures" that translations fail to provide.

Memoirs Available

Thanks to a recent donation from past LLA Chairman, Dr. Anthony Lo Bello, the Association can once again offer for sale the English translation (made by Dr. Lo Bello) of the following two booklets:

"With Latin In the Service of the Popes: The Memoirs of Antonio Cardinal Bacci (1885-1971)"

"At the Side of the Popes: The Memoirs of Mario Cardinal Nasalli Rocca di Corneliano (1903-1988)"

If you are interested in purchasing either of the booklets, contact President Morris at morrisrp@swbell.net. They are available for \$7.00 each, postage included.

From the Vatican, 1 September, 2015

A final consideration concerns those faithful who for various reasons choose to attend churches officiated by priests of the Fraternity of St Pius X. This Jubilee Year of Mercy excludes no one. From various quarters, several Brother Bishops have told me of their good faith and sacramental practice, combined however with an uneasy situation from the pastoral standpoint. I trust that in the near future solutions may be found to recover full communion with the priests and superiors of the Fraternity. In the meantime, motivated by the need to respond to the good of these faithful, through my own disposition, I establish that those who during the Holy Year of Mercy approach these priests of the Fraternity of St Pius X to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation shall validly and licitly receive the absolution of their sins.

Trusting in the intercession of the Mother of Mercy, I entrust the preparations for this Extraordinary Jubilee Year to her protection.

Pope Francis

SSPX Acquires Pittsburgh Church

St. James Church, on the west end of Pittsburgh, was rededicated on March 28, 2015, by priests of the Society of St. Pius X. St. James Church was built in 1884 and had formerly been a diocesan church in the diocese of Pittsburgh. However, it had been sold by the diocese in 2004 to become an art gallery. The owners of the art gallery, although they had not had the building on the market, agreed to sell the church to the Society.

Church Music Association of America

The CMAA's 2015 Colloquium included a Latin Mass celebrated in the Ordinary form at St. Paul's Cathedral in Pittsburgh on July 2, 2015. The Mass was celebrated by Fr. Eric Andersen. Vespers in the Extraordinary Form followed Mass

The CMAA will hold its Winter Sacred Music Workshop in Houston, TX, at St. Mary's Seminary January 4-8, 2016. Scott Turkington and Wilko Brouwers will teach chant and polyphony courses. Morning and Night Prayer will be included, as well as Mass for the feast of the Epiphany on January 6, and Votive Mass for the Holy Name of Jesus on January 8. Register at www.shop.musicrasacra.com/winter-2016 by November 15, 2015, to take advantage of Early Bird pricing.

For those who like to plan ahead, CMAA's Colloquium XXVI will be held in St. Louis, MO, June 20-25, 2016. Chant and polyphony with top conductors; breakout sessions on organ, clergy preparation, children's programs, semiology, and directing will be included. Register by March 1, 2016, to take advantage of Early Bird pricing. Mark your calendar now, and registration details will be forthcoming.

Adoremus

As reported in a previous LLA newsletter, the future of the *Adoremus Bulletin* was unsure, following the death of Helen Hull Hitchcock. The Adoremus board met in March, and hired a new editor: Christopher Carstens, of La Crosse, WI. We are pleased to report that two issues of the *Bulletin* have since been published—Spring, 2015; and July, 2015. On-line donations/subscriptions can be made at <http://www.adoremus.org/>

R.I.P. Dr. Lucy E. Carroll

LLA Life Member, Dr. Lucy E. Carroll, died Friday, June 19, 2015, from complications from back surgery. She worked closely with Helen Hull Hitchcock (God rest her soul) on the *Adoremus Bulletin*, both as a writer and a cartoonist. LLA members may remember her excellent presentation at the LLA convention in Indianapolis in 2004.

St. Basil's School of Gregorian Chant

Seventh Annual Winter Liturgical Chant Conference

For the second time, St. Basil's School of Gregorian Chant will meet for its winter chant conference in Santa Fe, New Mexico, a city of holy places and "Holy Faith"! Join Fr. Columba and other previous attendees who are returning, as well as others coming for the first time. You will learn how to pray the Mass in the Ordinary Form (Novus Ordo) in eternal chant, the Church's continuous prayer. Registration is now open.

The conference will take place from Monday evening, February 1, 2016, to Friday morning, February 5, 2016, at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Conference Center in Santa Fe. Father Columba Kelly, OSB, Ph. D. and Ray Henderson will lead the sessions. An early bird discount is available for those who register by January 4, 2016.

For any questions, email St. Basil's School at lumen@chantschool.org or call 281-855-2358.

Jubilee Museum in Columbus, OH

On a recent trip to Columbus, OH, President Morris and her husband were delighted to be able to visit the Jubilee Museum, just west of downtown Columbus. Housed in an old Catholic High School building, the Museum is a treasure trove of all things traditionally Catholic. According to Father Kevin Lutz, founder of the museum, it is the largest museum of Catholic artwork and Church furnishings in the United States. Their web site is www.jubileemuseum.org. There are altars, stations of the cross, vestments, sacred books, statues, paintings, and even a school room set up with desks from the 1950's. The Museum seeks to restore and repair sacred items, many of which were donated, but in damaged condition. Some of these may be returned to active use, as parishes recover from their loss of the sacred, and inquire about the availability of traditional sacred art. So, in a way the museum is also a hospital of sorts—for mending and restoring. The Museum is actively seeking donors to assist them in this work.

In case you were wondering, the nearby Catholic Church, Holy Family Catholic Church, offers the Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) on Tuesday and Friday mornings, as well as every Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

Sacra Liturgia 2015

Sacra Liturgia USA 2015 was held from June 1 to June 4, 2015, in New York City. The June 3, 2015, liturgy featured a Solemn Latin Mass in the Ordinary Form—with only the readings in English. According to *The Wanderer*, June 25, 2015 issue, "The celebration...showed the Ordinary Form Mass at its very best, adorned with beautiful chants, magnificent polyphonic music, and splendid traditional vestments. The audible recitation of the Roman Canon highlighted a sacred text that is the crown jewel of both the Ordinary and Extraordinary Forms of the Roman liturgy."

New Traditional Latin Mass in Washington, D.C.

The parish priest at St Francis de Sales Church on Rhode Island Avenue NE in Washington recently began offering the Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) every Sunday morning at 10:30. The parish website is:

<http://stfrancisdesaleswdc.org/>

The church is on the south side of Rhode Island Avenue, a few blocks west of South Dakota Avenue, just a mile or so from CUA and the National Shrine and the Franciscan Monastery. It is an odd building. My father-in-law grew up in the neighboring parish and told me they ran out of money to build the church that was designed - it is really just the basement with a one-story facade above the level of the sidewalk (and therefore easy to miss when you drive by). When you walk in you go down. The church has two especially lovely stained glass windows. The one is of our country's patroness, the Immaculate Conception, with the flag and the seal of the US on either side of Our Lady. The other is meant to represent the Presentation in the Temple, showing St Joseph with the Child Jesus in his arms. The pastor is Father Brian Sanderfoot.

For those in Prince George's County or in northeast DC, it is a convenient time and location. And unlike St Mary's downtown, it is very easy to find a place to park if you arrive by car. Across the street and just a block or two east of the church are a coffee shop and also a cafe a couple of doors down that serves Sunday brunch (I predict that the Woodridge neighborhood surrounding the church is on the extreme verge of becoming the next Bloomingdale, the haunt of the young and the groovy.). For those living in more distant parts of the DC area who might not wish to attend regularly, hearing this Mass at St Francis de Sales and having brunch or a bagel across the street afterwards would make a very pleasant Sunday outing.

Kirk Kramer, LLA member, Cottage City, MD

From the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter (FSSP)

South Bend Latin Mass Community Finds New Home

The Mother Theodore Guerin Latin Mass Community has been celebrating the Traditional Latin Mass as guests at St. Patrick's Parish in South Bend for some time. As the small community has continued to thrive and grow, its chaplain, Msgr. John C. Fritz, FSSP, began to think that perhaps the group was ready to find a home of its own. As often happens, Divine Providence stepped in. The opportunity came through a phone call from the local bishop. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of the Diocese of Fort Wayne/South Bend called to ask Msgr. Fritz how he would feel about relocating his community to St. Stanislaus Parish in South Bend, thereby placing St. Stan's under the care of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter.

Msgr. Fritz called a 'town hall' meeting of his community where the proposal was unanimously and joyfully

accepted! Msgr. Fritz immediately went home to pack his bags in order to prepare to move from Fort Wayne, Indiana to South Bend, Indiana in order to take up residence in the rectory of St. Stanislaus Parish as its new pastor. The Traditional Latin Mass was resumed at St. Stan's on September 8, 2015, the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass in the Extraordinary Form will continue regularly on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am. Msgr. Fritz warmly welcomes everyone in South Bend and the nearby areas to come and experience this beautiful ancient liturgy.

The new website is <http://ststanparish.com/>. St. Stanislaus had previously been joined to Holy Cross Parish, since 2001. It had been the site of a "Mass Mob" on Saturday, December 6, 2014.

The Rev. Msgr. John C. Fritz, FSSP
Pastor, St. Stanislaus Catholic Church
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LiveMassChannel now offers Spiritual Talks

Father James Fryar, FSSP, has recorded a series of spiritual talks, in addition to the live broadcasts of Latin Masses from Sarasota, Florida. These can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/user/LiveMassChannel>. There are currently eleven talks, ranging in length from 25 to 50 minutes. Topics include, "How to use a hand missal," "Introduction to the Mass," "The Vestments," "Calvary Prefigured and Represented."

Clear Creek Abbey - Requiem Mass for Mark Costello August 29, 2015

Four monks from Clear Creek sang the propers at the Requiem; the choir from the FSSP parish in OKC sang a polyphonic setting for the ordinary.

(Following is the sermon by Father Philip Anderson, OSB, abbot of Clear Creek Monastery)

Your Excellency Archbishop Coakley,
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, especially the grieving members
of the Costello family,

Before going any further I must also mention how touched we are by the presence of an impressive number of dignitaries, for both the state and national levels, in particular that of Madame Governor Fallin and of our distinguished senators and representatives. Please forgive me, if I am not able to mention everyone by name at this sizeable gathering.

"It could be said," wrote Pope Saint John Paul II, "that human history is marked from the very beginning by the limit God the Creator places upon evil." The remark is profound. It echoes something the great Saint Augustine once said:

"You are beset by trials, are you, and shaken by all the things in this world that offend you, even though you have taken your stand on God's gracious promises? But even these troubles can do you no harm. Their limits have been imposed on them by the Lord, because the sea is His. This world is the sea, but God made the sea too, and its waves can rage only as far as the shore, which He has assigned to it as its boundary. There is no temptation to which the Lord has not set a limit. Let temptations come, then; let troubles come; you are being finely wrought by them, not wrecked."

This idea of God having set a boundary to evil, the idea that in fact Divine Mercy is precisely that limit on evil, as the same holy pontiff also said, goes with another important principle:

God, Who is almighty, could stop all evil should He so choose, but chooses rather sometimes to allow it. Why? For one purpose and one purpose only (He cannot ever want evil): so that a greater good might come out of this evil.

Sometimes, however, we simply see no good emerging from a tragedy: we wonder where was that limit God was supposed to put on evil? It seems as if a massive tidal wave, a moral tsunami, has washed us away. As we mourn today the passing of Mark Costello, of Mark the statesman, the business man, of Mark the devoted husband and father, of Mark the faithful Catholic Christian, of Mark the friend and brother of monks--the friend of so many--we have been washed away, and we are searching.

For those who remember, about one year ago there was much debate in this greater Oklahoma City area and around the nation about the so-called "black mass" that was scheduled to take place (and did take place, though in a greatly reduced form) in a local civic center. Mark was a very outspoken critic of the event, a sacrilegious parody of what Catholics hold most dear. Other voices joined his, including that of our Governor. You said at the time, dear Archbishop Coakley, something to the effect that, if this horrible thing were to take place, there would be very bad consequences for the city. I am afraid we have just witnessed a realization of that sad prophecy, not only for the city but for the entire state and beyond. But what does it all mean?

In the Roman Catholic liturgical calendar, today is the Feast of the Passion or the Beheading of Saint John the Baptist. That too, as we read about it in the Gospel, was the brutal killing of a good man for no reason. At the time it must have seemed like an unbearably sad event that could be of no good to anyone. But as the life of the Church went on, the witness of this man, of this prophet, of this saint, filled the Church and the world with a precious light that has inspired countless generations of human beings. Through the witness of Saint John the Baptist God brought good out of evil. Where the waters of evil abounded for a moment, with God's permission, the work of grace "super-abounded"; and evil was driven back,

more than ever, behind its limit, like the tidal wave back to the shore. Divine Mercy, Divine Love, you see, had the last word.

The link between Mark Costello and my monastic community located near Tulsa goes back many years. Like several other young men at the University of Kansas in the 1970's and early 80's he became interested in a rather unusual project, one involving some American students pursuing vocations to the religious life in an ancient French abbey. Like our archbishop here, as a matter of fact, Mark first visited the French abbey during a "year abroad" program in Ireland in 1976. Although he did not think he had a vocation to become a monk, Mark did come back for another visit to the French abbey and kept in contact over the years.

Having married his wife, Cathy, and settled in his native Oklahoma, Mark was many years later one of the people most instrumental in arranging for the American monks in France to come back to the United States in 1999. From the very start, he and his family accompanied the new monastic community established in the Tulsa diocese in all its stages of development until the present day, often brainstorming with the monks and with his friends about how to help on the material and administrative levels, as these things are less familiar to monks. The Costellos have been the best of friends for our abbey.

All of this does not even begin to cover the many accomplishments of Mark Costello, who was twice elected labor commissioner of Oklahoma after having founded several successful telecommunications and software companies. He was a beloved benefactor to Gregory the Great Academy, a very fine school, which some of his sons have attended, and to many other wonderful causes that are well known to many of you. It would not be possible to pass it all in review here. We are here to offer prayers.

In the end there remain the mystery of evil and the mystery of Divine Mercy. Both command our attention, as we experience the loss that death brings, but only one prevails. In a few weeks the Catholic Church will begin a special Holy Year of Divine Mercy, as proclaimed by His Holiness Pope Francis. May that year bring an abundance of mercy to the contemporary world, where evil seems to be overflowing its banks, especially with regard to the precious reality of the Family. Mark Costello must be seen as a kind of martyr of the Family, as he fell victim while doing his utmost to reach out to a deeply disturbed son. On the face of it, his efforts seem utterly to have failed. But then again, so did Our Lord's to all appearances, as He died on Calvary, the place of execution of criminals, the place of human failure. We know by faith that, in the end, Divine Mercy will prevail; that the waters of evil will find their boundary; that the light will win. There is our path forward. After death there is the Resurrection of the Dead, that gentle and final revenge of God. After hatred there is love, the loving, healing revenge of Divine Mercy, the firm shoreline God places on the sea of evil.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

"Save the Liturgy--Save the Church"

The following is reprinted from comments made by Father Allan J. McDonald, on his web page, www.southernorderspage.blogspot.com on May 31, 2015:

When I use the term "save the Church," I mean all the baptized people of God. But the term also refers to saving the institutional aspects of the Church for these are the sacramentals that draw people to Holy Mother Church and keep them in the fold.

In a sense I am referring to Church as a "sacrament" not in a dogmatic way, but as a sign of Christ. While the vernacular liturgies of the Church could have made the liturgies of the Church more intelligible to the laity and clergy, the sloppy reorientation of the sacraments, to include the Mass, along with an extremely sloppy and a flawed hermeneutic for translating the Latin into all the vernaculars caused a further dumbing down of the Church and her sacraments.

As much as some may protest, there is a direct link or causation between this dumbing down of the sacraments and of the Church that has led to the demise of the Catholic Church in Western Europe, the latest being Ireland. When 88% or more of Catholics are not engaged in the Church or in fact have left the Church, we have a problem.

Thank God for those God gives us in this dearth to call us back to basics and the true nature of Catholicism found in her liturgies traditionally celebrated. The first step is a complete reorientation of the flawed renewal after Vatican II toward what was, even if all remains in the vernacular in most places.

The new Prefect for the Congregation of Divine Worship, Cardinal Robert Sarah understands what needs to be done; and he is giving direction and creating excitement once again in the Liturgy world where cold water has been thrown upon them in the last two and a half years.

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Bill Guelker, Editor LLA Newsletter

When I determined to set quarterly publication dates for the LLA Newsletter according to certain liturgical feast days, the choice of 9/14 seemed especially appropriate because of the correlation of the liturgy of the day to the Sacrifice of the Mass and the selection of that same day for the implementation of *Summorum Pontificum* which freed the Traditional Latin Mass from many restrictions imposed upon it. I would like now to speculate upon the rationale of Benedict XVI for his choices of 7/7/7 to issue the *motu proprio* in question and of September 14th for its implementation. This is pure speculation – please indulge

me – or, better yet, write something for the Newsletter to free yourself from my speculation!

Few will argue against the proposition that the Traditional Latin Mass emphasizes the Good Friday sacrifice, whereas the Mass of Paul VI emphasizes the Holy Thursday meal. If you do not agree with this proposition, I offer only the following excerpt from The Spirit of the Liturgy by then Cardinal (and Prefect of CDF) Ratzinger, pages 77-78:

“Today celebration *versus populum* really does look like the characteristic fruit of Vatican II’s liturgical renewal. In fact it is the most conspicuous consequence of a reordering that not only signifies a new external arrangement of the places dedicated to the liturgy, but also brings with it a new idea of the essence of the liturgy – the liturgy as a communal meal...the Eucharist that Christians celebrate really cannot adequately be described by the term “meal”. True, the Lord established the new reality of Christian worship within the framework of a Jewish (Passover) meal, but it was precisely this new reality, not the meal as such, that he commanded us to repeat. Very soon the new reality was separated from its ancient context and found its proper and suitable form, a form already predetermined by the fact that the Eucharist refers back to the Cross and thus to the transformation of Temple sacrifice into worship of God....”

If we look at the Gospel reading in the 1962 Missal for 9/14, we find it is from John's Gospel, chapter 12, verses 31-36. It begins as follows:

At that time, Jesus said to the multitude of the Jews,
‘Now is the judgment of the world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out. And I, if I be lifted up
from the earth, shall draw all things to myself.’
(Now this He said, signifying what death He should die.)

Note that he is speaking to the Jews about judgment and casting out evil by his death on the cross, which will make salvation possible. (The Latin says *omnia traham*, that is, I will draw all. There is no specific object in the text and so “things” or “men” are often added in translations. A related verse from St. John's Revelation (21:5) is handled the same way – “And he that sat on the throne, said: Behold, I make all things new.”) The emphasis on sacrifice is also evident in Church discipline. We are required to witness this sacrifice on our behalf every Sunday and Holy Day of obligation, whereas we are required to receive Holy Communion once a year. Since there is no Mass on Good Friday, this feast provides a day in the liturgical calendar to celebrate that supreme sacrifice. It was formerly a class I feast on a par with the Holy Days of obligation. (It is one of the Twelve Great Feasts of the Byzantine Rite.) Today,

if it occurs on a Sunday, it overrides that Sunday's liturgy. So, the choice of this date for the implementation of the *motu proprio* is fitting and deliberate.

Is the choice of 7/7/7 for the issuance of the *motu proprio* also deliberate, and, if so, how? Only Benedict XVI knows for sure. Speculation is more tenuous, but I think a case can be made for the following if we relate the issuance date to the feast date. '7' is a sacred number to the Hebrews. Many instances of '7' may be found in the Old Testament beginning with on the seventh day He rested and so has sanctified that day as the Sabbath. But I wish to reference only one other such instance because of its relation to God's judgment, purging evil, and expiation via sacrifice. The text is from II Chronicles, chapters 28 and 29. I would ask you to consider this text in conjunction with the following abbreviated quote from Cardinal Ratzinger's address to the Chilean bishops immediately after the issuance in 1988 of *Ecclesia Dei afflictata*, Saint John Paul II's *motu proprio*, that expanded the possibilities of the so-called “Indult Mass” which Pope Benedict XVI later titled the “Extraordinary Form.” The Prefect of CDF said to the bishops:

“While there are many motives that might have led a great number of people to seek a refuge in the traditional liturgy, the chief one is that they find the dignity of the sacred preserved there. After the Council there were many priests who deliberately raised 'desacralization' to the level of a program,... they put aside the sacred vestments; they have despoiled the churches as much as they could of that splendor which brings to mind the sacred; and they have reduced the liturgy to the language and the gestures of ordinary life, by means of greetings, common signs of friendship, and such things... That which previously was considered most holy -- the form in which the liturgy was handed down -- suddenly appears as the most forbidden of all things, the one thing that can safely be prohibited.”

With this in mind, I will now abridge II Chronicles, 28 and 29 as follows:

All the ornaments of the Lord's house he (Achaz) had already taken away and broken up; now he closed the temple doors, and built altars of his own in every corner of Jerusalem; altars, too, in every city of Juda, the smoke of whose incense enraged the Lord, the God of his fathers.... And the throne passed to his son Ezechias. Now Ezechias began to reign, when he was five and twenty years old,... And he did that which was pleasing in the sight of the Lord, according to all that David his father had done. In the first year and month of his reign he opened the doors of the house of the Lord, and repaired them. And he brought the priests and the Levites, and assembled them in the east street. And he said to them: Hear me, ye Levites, and be sanctified, purify the house of the Lord the God of

your fathers, and take away all filth out of the sanctuary. Our fathers have sinned and done evil in the sight of the Lord God, forsaking him: they have turned away their faces from the tabernacle of the Lord, and turned their backs. They have shut up the doors that were in the porch, and put out the lamps, and have not burnt incense, nor offered holocausts in the sanctuary of the God of Israel. Therefore the wrath of the Lord hath been stirred up against Juda and Jerusalem, and he hath delivered them to trouble, and to destruction, and to be hissed at, as you see with your eyes.... Now therefore I have a mind that we make a covenant with the Lord the God of Israel, and he will turn away the wrath of his indignation from us. My sons, be not negligent: the Lord hath chosen you to stand before him, and to minister to him, and to worship him, and to burn incense to him. Then the Levites arose,... And they gathered together their brethren, and sanctified themselves, and went in according to the commandment of the king, and the precept of the Lord, to purify the house of God. And the priests went into the temple of the Lord to sanctify it, and brought out all the uncleanness that they found within to the entrance of the house of the Lord, and the Levites took it away, and carried it out abroad to the torrent Cedron.... And they went in to king Ezechias, and said to him: We have sanctified all the house of the Lord, and the altar of holocaust, and the vessels thereof, and the table of proposition with all its vessels, And all the furniture of the temple, which king Achaz in his reign had defiled, after his transgression; and behold they are all set forth before the altar of the Lord. And king Ezechias rising early, assembled all the rulers of the city, and went up into the house of the Lord: And they offered together seven bullocks, and seven rams, and seven lambs, and seven he goats for sin, for the kingdom, for the sanctuary, for Juda: and he spoke to the priests the sons of Aaron, to offer them upon the altar of the Lord. Therefore they killed the bullocks, and the priests took the blood, and poured it upon the altar; they killed also the rams, and their blood they poured also upon the altar, and they killed the lambs, and poured the blood upon the altar. And they brought the he goats for sin before the king, and the whole multitude, and they laid their hand upon them: And the priests immolated them, and sprinkled their blood before the altar for an expiation of all Israel: for the king had commanded that the holocaust and the sin offering should be made for all Israel. And he set the Levites in the house of the Lord with cymbals, and psalteries, and harps according to the regulation of David the king, and of Gad the seer, and of Nathan the prophet: for it was the commandment of the Lord by the hand of his prophets.... And when the oblation was ended, the king, and all that were with him bowed down and adored.

Clearly, this text is about restoring a form of worship in the Temple “according to the regulation of David, the king...” that had been neglected with unfortunate consequences. It involves purification of the Temple, its vessels, and furnishings. It requires sacrificial offerings (3 x 7) to God and one immolation of “he goats” for the expiation of sin. It restores the “dignity of the sacred.” Did Benedict XVI have this text in mind? He certainly was aware of it. And we are free to speculate.

From the Editor

This edition is the second to be printed with two colors: red and black. (As many of you know, these are coincidentally the colors of the *Missale Romanum* text.) The Newsletter used to be printed in red and black, and we are pleased to be able to return to this format at a cost less than what we previously paid for black only. We still urge you to supply us your email address. It saves the LLA both printing costs and postage costs if we may email the Newsletter to you.

This edition is also the second whose mailing information was generated from an online database. LLA has moved its name and address information from a database only directly accessible to the editor (because it was on his computer) to a secure online database accessible to the President and Treasurer as well. This was accomplished with the technical assistance of the editor's son, William Guelker, LLA member in Cold Springs, NV, with the cooperation of Scott Calta, LLA member in Atlanta, GA, and no small effort on the part of President Morris and Treasurer Smith to verify and maintain the database content.

This edition marks the first edition where the member's expiration date appears on the lower right corner of the address block (opposite the “Visit us on the web at: www.latinliturgy.com” block.) This means you do not have to keep track of your membership expiration, we will display it on every mailed Newsletter. (Life members see 12/31/2099 as the “expiration” date and they should ignore it.) If the date shown is passed, then your membership needs to be renewed and you may do so online from the Membership page or you may send a check to the Treasurer at the address shown in the banner below the fold on the same sheet of the Newsletter.

Please send us your comments, critiques, observations, news reports, or essays. Due to space limitations and scope of interest, we must be selective in what we can include. By sending content to us, you authorize us to reproduce it for distribution. To send newsletter items, please, email them to me at bill@solutionm.com (softcopy .rtf .doc or .odt file formats, please). Or, you can mail hardcopy to me at the address below.

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LATIN LITURGY ASSOCIATION

Enrollment Form

Please enroll me as a member of the Latin Liturgy Association and send me the quarterly Newsletter (check one):

- via email via postal address

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Oratio pro Missa Latine Celebranda

O mundi Regnator, qui te omni lingua hominum angelorumque laudari voluisti; tribue, quaesumus, ut etiam in diebus nostris, sacrificium dilecti Filii tui immaculatum assidue lingua Romana in oratoriis gentis nostrae omniumque permultis tibi offeratur a populo ad te toto corde converso: per Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

Cum licentia Ordinarii,
Baton Rouge, LA
August 8, 1994

Prayer for the Celebration of the Mass in Latin

O Sovereign of the world, who have willed that you be praised in every language of men and of angels; grant we beseech you, that now too in our days, the unblemished sacrifice of your beloved Son may be incessantly offered to you in the language of the Romans in many churches of our land and of every land by a people turned to you with all their heart. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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